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SUBJECT:PRESS GUIDANCE ON NEXT STEPS IN RHODESIA

1. FOLLOWING IN PARA 3 IS TEXT OF AGREED GUIDANCE BRITISH
ARE PROVIDING THEIR AFRICAN POSTS FOR USE WITH PRESS ON
"PRIVATE, UNATTRIBUTABLE BASIS." BRITISH EMBASSY CAPE TOWN
IS ALSO BEING INSTRUCTED TO BRING THE GUIDANCE TO THE
ATTENTION OF SOUTH AFRICA GOVERNMENT AND RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD HAWKINS.

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2. ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD, IF ASKED, DRAW UPON SAME
GUIDANCE FOR UNATTRIBUTABLE BACKGROUND USE ONLY. EMBASSY
CAPE TOWN MAY CONFIRM TO SAG AND HAWKINS THAT WE ARE
USING SAME GUIDANCE.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

A.--AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAY 6, MR. NKOMO CLAIMED THAT MR. VANCE HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE US WOULD NOT BE SPONSORING A CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA WITH BRITAIN.

B.--THIS REPESENTS A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE PRESENT POSITION, ON WHICH DR. OWEN AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE WERE WHOLLY AGREED AT THEIR MEETING ON MAY 6. THE FACTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

C.--THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE CONTINUING TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE CLOSEST COOPERATION AND, IN THE STEPS THAT THEY HAVE AGREED SHOULD NOW BE TAKEN, THEY WILL BE ACTING JOINTLY. A STATEMENT ABOUT THESE NEXT STEPS IS TO BE MADE JOINTLY EARLY NEXT WEEK. AS THIS WILL MAKE PLAIN, THE US AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT, FOR THE TIME BEING, CONTEMPLATING CONVENING A CONFERENCE. HENCE, THE QUESTION OF SPONSORSHIP DOES NOT ARISE. IT COULD DO SO AT A LATER STAGE DEPENDING ON A DECISION TO CONVENE, AND ON THE NATURE OF THE CONFERENCE ITSELF, BUT THERE IS NO NEED TO PRE-JUDGE THE QUESTION NOW. THIS IS WHAT MR. VANCE WAS SEEKING TO MAKE CLEAR TO MR. NKOMO.
END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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